

Dr. the Hon. Mr. H. Muller,
Minister of Foreign Affairs,
CAPE TOWN.

Dr. the Hon. Mr. Muller,

We, the representatives of the Hellenic Communities of the Republic of South Africa, have been directed by approximately 75 000 Greeks living here in South Africa, most of us South African citizens by birth, and proud of our Greek heritage, want to make known to you and the Government of the Republic, the following:

That we and our people are shocked that the great powers have allowed troops armed by them to occupy Cyprus despite the fact that the pre-decessors of these Governments have made themselves parties to international treaties, declarations and resolutions in the Security Council, the Assembly of the United Nations and elsewhere guaranteeing the independence, integrity and security of Cyprus.

That we are appalled that these troops have been allowed to ravage this fair island by bombing it, shooting at and killing indiscriminately members of a defenceless population with guns supplied to it by these very countries, professing to be the champions of world peace.

We believe that our country, South Africa, should not stand by whilst one after the other cease-fire agreements are violated, whilst unanimous resolutions of the Security Council calling for withdrawal are ignored, and whilst attempts are being made to divide the island so that a minority with the oppressive support of an occupying force may rule a majority even in the areas seized.

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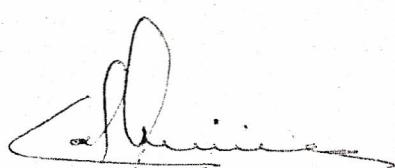
We believe that this will be a precedent of the very worst kind without any parallel in the past.

We feel sure that in view of the happy relations that have existed between Greece and South Africa in the past, you and our Government will stand by it in this time of its need.

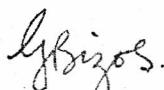
Kindly convey this to our Government on our behalf.


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